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President's Quarterly Message—Louis Russell

From the President's Desk September 2023

Dear Society Members

Summer is upon us. The Henderson's have been making our presence known at many highland games and from the reports I have seen it has been a lot of fun and many new members have joined our Society.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 2-3 at the 49th Virginia Highland Games. Remember this year the Annual Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on August 26 at 1:00 PM EDT. Watch for the Zoom invitation in your e mail. All Clan Henderson Society members are invited to the Annual Board Meeting while Board Members will be able to vote.

Audrey Trawick has accepted the position of Clan Henderson Society's Youth Director. Audrey is an accomplished Scottish dancer and has now become an instructor training the next generation of dancers (See Page 4 for more information). Audrey is in the Southeast Region. She is excited about the opportunity to develop programs to help younger members become more engaged. Watch for future announcements.

Inflation is everywhere and Clan Henderson Society, like many other organizations, struggles to make ends meet while continuing to provide the services that are expected. The CHS Board approved a \$5 increase in annual dues. Therefore, effective January 1, 2024, annual dues will increase to \$25/year from \$20/year. Increased presence at Highland games requires support, especially for our new conveners. Increases in operating costs such as postage and insurance further contribute to the necessity for increasing annual dues. Please contact Suzanne Henderson Emmerson, VP of Membership, if this increase in annual dues is an undue burden as one of our members has generously established a fund that can be used to help members transition to the higher annual dues.

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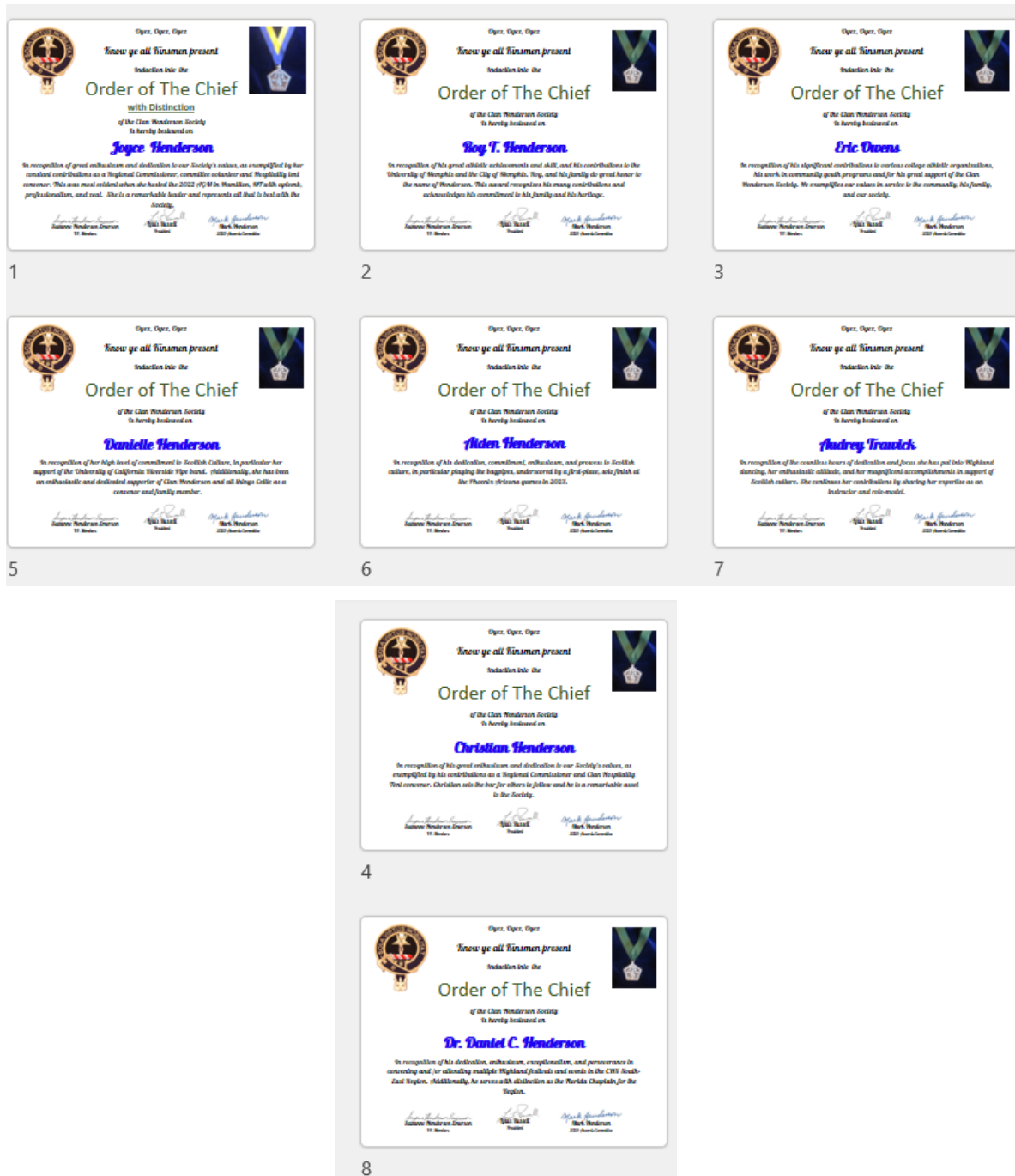
The Board also approved the establishment of an Advancement Committee to be charged with the goal of establishing an endowment to support the Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program was established when Clan Henderson Society was initially formed. This program is a tangible way that the Society supports the continuation of Scottish Culture. Scholarships are awarded to worthy applicants studying the arts including dance and music and to support continued education, especially study of Celtic Culture. In addition, grants are awarded to performing groups such as a Pipe and Drum Corps. Currently, funds to support the Scholarship Program come from the operating budget. The vision is that the endowment can be grown to a point that the investments will support the Scholarship Program. The Advancement Committee will explain details of the program and keep CHS members updated on how the endowment is growing. Committee members will be available to answer questions from members interested in supporting the endowment. The endowment will be managed by two CHS members (currently President and VP of Operations) and an outside professional. We will need an endowment fund of about \$135,000 to fund the current scholarship program with the goal of growing the endowment allowing expansion of the Scholarship Program. Ideally, the Advancement Committee will consist of 3 to 5 people that recognize the value of establishing an endowment ensuring the Scholarship Program will continue. Look for more announcements in the future.

Thanks for your support.
Louis Russell
President

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CHIEFS MEDAL CERTIFICATES 2023



CONGRATULATIONS



NEW CLAN YOUTH DIRECTOR

As **Youth Director**, I'd really like to encourage the youth of all ages to explore their talents, their Scottish heritage, and to embrace their unique Scottish interests.

My hope for the future, is that by creating online opportunities for the youth to engage in, they might develop connections that will lead to scholarships, community growth, educational support, and lasting generational friendships and positive impressions within the Clan Henderson Society, worldwide.

Thank you again for allowing me this opportunity to support the youth of Clan Henderson. I look forward to serving with sincerity.

Audrey Trawick, Youth Director.

SW Region Games

April started the CHS season for us. We attended the Tartan Day activities in Longmont, CO Boulder County Fairgrounds where we welcomed new member Robert Henderson and visited with cousins Gregg Henderson, Pam Stritt Henderson and Kristi Stritt from Broomfield, CO.

In mid-May we drove through the snow-covered ski resort areas of Colorado to Grand Junction, CO for the Grand Valley Highland Games. This was the first time that CHS shouted, “The Henderson’s Are Here!”, at this event. We had a great time visiting with cousins Justin Grant from Mesa, CO, Lori Rome from Montrose, CO, Doug Ford from Grand Junction, CO, and Melissa Franklin from Fruita, CO.

June saw CHS at the Bison Classic Highland Games in Cheyenne, WY, where we quickly found that the hand-me-down tent we received from my father’s estate, past Chieftain Rex Maddox, no longer resists water as a deluge passed over us. Thank goodness we had tarps to prevent our displays from being damaged! A new canopy has been ordered. We look forward to seeing our new friends again Nathan Johnson, Kenzie Merideth and Naomi Legget.

In mid-July CHS set up at the Elizabeth City, CO Celtic Festival in the lovely, wooded Casey Jones Park. We were delighted to host so many visitors and cousins like Philip Hoffman from Fort Collins, CO, and Ron Goodman of Aurora, CO, and others from around the area (see photos).

Two special notes. Bob Henderson came to this event decked out in his new Henderson kilt which, by the way, still needs to be christened! Jesse Henderson lost, to moths, the Henderson tie his grandmother purchased for him while on a trip to Scotland. I felt it was appropriate that he should have the Henderson modern tie previously owned by my father, past Chieftain Rex Maddox.

We look forward to attending these events again next year and we hope to see you at the Aztec, NM Highland Games on 7 – 8 October or at the Moab, UT Celtic Festival, “Scots on the Rocks,” 20 – 22 October.



Gregg Henderson, from Broomfield, CO, Jesse Henderson from Olathe, KS, and his grandmother



Bob and Carla Henderson from Frederick, CO, Andre Easter from Colorado Springs, Walter Mark Henderson, from Elizabeth, CO, and the entire family of Kathryn Henderson DeYoung from Parker, CO.

Clan Henderson South Pacific Regional



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San Diego Highland Games

June 24 was opening Ceremonies for the games in Brengle Terrace Park Vista CA and we had the typical Social weather of sunny and 70. Clan Henderson had a double tent space this year that was appreciated by all .

Clan Henderson had several competitors in events Solo piping , Bagpipe band and athletics . All placing top of their games .

It goes without saying it takes a Clan to put on an event for our guests and I would like to give a Special thank you to Jane Henderson Schaefer and her husband Mike for helping man the tent Saturday and partaking in the Clans parade . Rachel Diaz and partner helped carry the banner on Saturday . My son Aiden helped with setup on Friday and my son Alec helped man and was apart of the parade on Sunday and helped with teardown . Roberto Henderson who stopped by the tent and intruded himself was a games volunteer .

We had several Special guests stop by the tent like Beret Dernbach who came by to thank the Clan for her Scholarship . Dorothy Ayers (95) and family stopped by, she has been a long time member of the Society and lived in Edinburgh as a child and her family was from Glencoe . My son Aiden and Wife Danielle stopped by several times with the UCR pipe band to relax and take photos between performance and ceremonies . Cameron Henry stopped by and gave me updates on his athletic competitions as he continues to excel in his showings !

Christian Henderson

CHS South Pacific Regional Commissioner

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San Diego Games Pictures



THE HIGHLANDER TRAWICK SCHOOL OF DANCE

Scholarship Update June 15, 2023

Greetings Clans, Organizations, Committees, & Scholarship administrations,
It's been a while since my last update...and I'm happy to report that I have a lot to fill you in on.

I'll start with my latest competition. I had the wonderful opportunity to experience my first competition in the SW Region. I attended the Lenexa, Kansas indoor competition this past weekend, competing in 3 Scottish National dances. The venue was beautiful and extremely comfortable as it was indoors, and the people in the SW region were welcoming, kind, and overall, just a lovely talented community!!!

There were 9 Premier dancers in my category, and I was awarded:

Blue Bonnets- 2nd place

Village Maid- 2nd place

Earl of Erroll - 2nd place.

Being able to attend this competition has allowed me to complete my goal of dancing in all **6 of the US Regions in 6 competitive years of dancing**. Although I have been dancing a total of 8 years, only 6 years have been as a competitive Highland dancer. I remember when I first made this goal to competitively dance in all 6 of the US regions...I was a Novice dancer attending my first USIR competition in Salt Lake City, UT. The desire to complete this goal always been fortified within myself and I am extremely happy to share the news and accomplishment with all of you today.

I strongly feel that without your continual support it would have been very difficult to accomplish this goal on my own. I can't express in words my gratitude throughout these past years for the financial contributions toward: Dance lessons, dance attire, workshops, books and educational materials, assistance with exams, and so much more. All of these contributions have been key to my success as a competitive highland dancer and as an instructor of Scottish Highland & National dances. Again, thank you for your financial support, your personal encouragements, and your love of the Scottish communities and for the arts. I have been blessed beyond measure, and my hope is to use the example from the pages in your book and to one day be able contribute for others the way you have for me.

As you might know, I have outgrown a few of my competition pieces. I have since then ordered new pieces to replace the ones I have outgrown. The outfits that I can no longer use, I have decided to donate to a dance studio that will be able outfit dancers in need of competition wear. Online I see a lot of parents looking for affordable competition jackets or specific dance wear and they often sell or trade costumes as dancers outgrow them. Because some of the dance costumes that I have acquired through the years have been contributed via scholarship funds...I did not feel it would be appropriate to sell unneeded costume pieces and therefore have decided to donate the items that I can no longer use. I have selected an extremely reputable highland dance studio to which I will gift my outgrown beloved costume pieces to, in hopes that others may enjoy them as they compete at highland competitions and progress with their advancements.

Wrapping up my news update, I'd like to end by sharing my future goals. As I have taken this

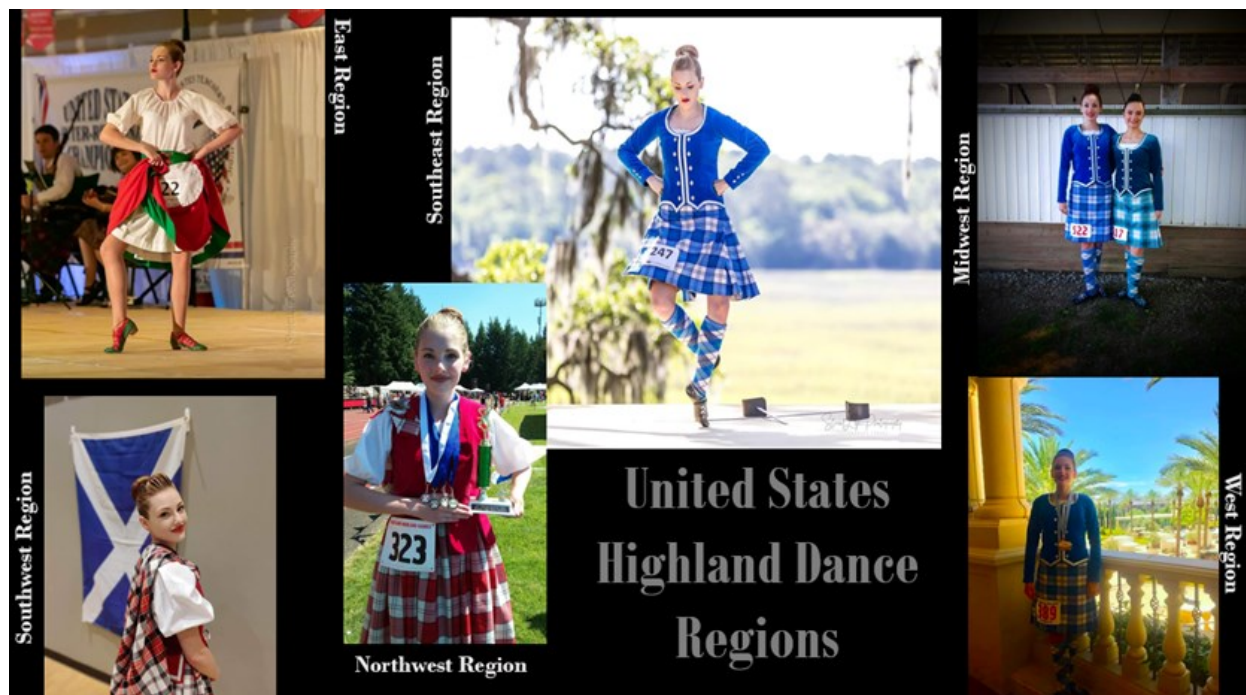
competitive year to focus on learning how to maintain injury prevention, pace myself, and listen to my body's needs...I am excited to slowly start to introduce myself, once again, back into the Scottish Highland dances. It's been a long year + and I have avidly enjoyed the extensive time I have spent on my Scottish National dances. The time spent online with my instructor Mrs. Kasey Hawkins Peavy has been valuable to my education as I begin to prepare for my RSOBHD Scottish National's certification in the future which is a requirement before becoming a Highland dance Adjudicator.

I am also eager to challenge myself at different competitions throughout the US Regions. One of my goals is to travel and to experience new venues, and new competitions both in and outside of the US. I suspect that it might take me a bit to achieve, but I would really like to experience competitions in Canada once again, and eventually make my way to Scotland and England for an inspiring change of scenery, culture, and competitive highland dance pace.

I hope this update brings you as much enjoyment as it was for me to share with all of you. My sincerest wishes for a prosperous year for everyone, and all that you do to contribute. I look forward to updating you again in the coming future. You will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Audrey N. Trawick, BATD Certified Instructor & Premier Competitive Dancer of the Scottish Arts.



Dear Clan Henderson,

Thank you so much for supporting me financially throughout my Highland Dance journey. Over the years my goals get bigger and bigger as I improve my dancing and grow relationships with new people. I deeply appreciate your scholarship because the money helps me have new dance experiences and get new outfits, which I frequently need.

This year I grew so much and got so many holes in my dance shoes, I needed all four new pairs of dance shoes and a bunch of new outfits. I got a full new kilt, hose, and vest, along with a jig, Hornpipe and aboyne outfit. My dance shoes wear out so fast and are a lot of money so your scholarship helped me get new ones.

I just finished with the OS/AS Dance camp held at Baldwin Wallace University in Ohio. That camp is one of the best dance experiences I have ever had so I always look forward to go back every year. I learn ballet, strength training and technique from some of the best dance instructors. We danced in total for seven hours a day for a week and my friends and I had a blast. This year I qualified for the USTR in Portland, Oregon; therefore, I will be a representative for the Southeast region competing against all of the other regions.

I'm dancing extra hard for the next three weeks but before that I will attend and compete at Grandfather Mountain. This year they are having a Jig and Hornpipe challenge. They are my favorite dances so I am super excited to compete in team this weekend!

Without a clan like Clan Henderson, dancers like me couldn't have the experiences I have had. I am very grateful for all of the people that make up Clan Henderson and support dancers.

Thank you.

Brynn Brown

MaryLane Henderson

Greenville Scottish Games in Greenville SC Memorial Day Weekend

The weekend started off with The Great Scots Parade downtown Greenville. In the photo L-R Jan Burdette, Mary Lane Henderson, Alice Ann Holman, Fran Kalk, Bodyguard Ed Hendricks and Bodyguard Rick Kalk.

After the parade we gathered at The Peddler Steakhouse for a wee Ceilidh. We sang, Tom Henderson told another Henderson Tale. We joked, had a Silent auction for the Youth Scholarships and ate delicious food. As we were ending the night with a song, the waitstaff were outside the door enjoying our singing. They insisted we come back! From L-R are Mary Lane Henderson, Ed Hendricks, Fran Kalk, Tom Henderson, Jan Burdette, Alice Ann Holman, Pam Ashley, Rick Kalk, Peggy and Fred Sanford

The games Saturday and the Bands were great. The patriotic ceremonies were held including the Flyovers but due to strong winds the paratroopers could not participate. A few of the Henderson attending are Jan Burdette, Mary Lane H, Bodyguard James Clay, Bodyguard Ed Hendricks, Bodyguard Harry Keifer. Not pictured are Suzanne Keifer, Tom Henderson, Fred and Peggy Sanford, Bodyguard Rick and Fran Kalk, Anita Clay and The Trotter Family.



Newsletter Editor—Apologies for having missed this in our last Newsletter.

LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES

15-16 April 2023

By Suzanne Keifer



I'm sure that you've seen signs that say, "Under New Management" and you are either skeptical or hopeful that the new management is better than the old. Loch Norman had been through some rough times over the past several years (bad weather, Covid, and less than desirable leadership). In three words, I can tell you "Wow, Wow, Wow!" The Games are back with a bang! What a wonderful weekend on all three accounts I mentioned above- the weather was awesome, no Covid, and amazing new management. We couldn't have asked for better!

Clan Henderson was the Distinguished Clan this year, so we had a huge tent right next to the main reviewing stand and hospitality

tent (not a bad location!). Having so much room afforded us the luxury to spread out and welcome family and friends very easily and not have to repeatedly say "Oh, excuse me, pardon me, etc."

A steady stream of traffic was present on both days; what was noticeable was the number of younger families. More than I'd seen in several years and I want to tell you about one family, in particular. As I was walking to the tent, a young fellow commented to me "I like your kilt!" I was wearing an 18th century costume (like Claire in Outlander) and I explained to him that it wasn't a kilt. He walked with me back to the tent (with his parents) so I could show him a kilt and sporran (Harry happened to be wearing both). We were then barraged with wonderful questions from Teddy (4 years old) for a 20 solid minutes about all aspects of Scottish dress, habits, and rationale for it all. I learned from his mom (who, come to find out, is a Henderson!) that he spent the rest of the day going from clan tent to clan tent with similar questions! That is one of the reasons that we do these games year after year – This young man may get a spark and begin to pipe or drum, or throw a caber, or do genealogical research – who knows? Several other young families also stopped by, but Teddy stole our hearts and I'm certain that we'll see them at subsequent games, and I have no doubt he'll be kilted.

We had a great showing at the Kilt Christening and the Loch Norman Pipe Band accompanied the "novices" and



sponsors around the field in fine fashion. As we were the Distinguished Clan, we got to go first in the Parade of Tartans, led by our sharp Bodyguard. I always get goosebumps when I watch them salute with their swords in perfect unison and David Henderson returned the salute just as sharply. Clan Henderson knows how to put on a show! We also had quite the entertainment from David and Loulie Henderson. They got a lesson from one of the Loch Norman drummers in the fine art of drum rolling!

Mary Lane Henderson and Peggy Sanford are going to write about other activities at the Games as there was so much going on throughout the weekend. If you have ever contemplated coming to Loch Norman, I would strongly urge you to do so. They're always in April, depending on Easter. These games have a little bit of everything – music, dance, athletics, yummy food, great vendors, but most of all, camaraderie, and family time.

I'm sure I've left something out and I apologize in advance if I've done so. Thank you to all who came to the Henderson tent and represented us so beautifully! We hope to see you all again next year (if not sooner!)

The Carolina Open Championship was held at the



Loch Norman Scottish Games April 15th and 16th 2023.

The competitors came from all across the US and parts of Canada. We are so proud to announce our Clan Henderson Highland Dancers stood out in the championship, taking many of the top wins and trophies.

Congratulations to Brynn Brown who took home the top Trophy both days!

Audrey Trawick is from Florida- Premier Level in the first photo.

Brynn Henderson-Passaro is from Florida- Novice level in the second photo.

Brynn Brown is from S. Carolina- Premier Level in the third photo.

A group picture of (L-R) Brynn Brown, Brynn Passaro, Lilly Trimble, and Audrey Trawick in the fourth photo

Lilly Trimble is from Florida - Premier level in the fifth photo

Congratulations to all our talented Highland Dancers!

Mary Lane Henderson
Commissioner, SE Region

A flyer for the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. It features a large crest on the left with a shield, a crown, and a banner. To the right of the crest is the text "Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson" followed by "Alistair D. Henderson of Fordell", "PO Box 3070 Stafford DC", "QLD 4053 Australia", and "chief@fordell.email". Below this is a section for "Counsellor" with a photo of C. Fred Sanford, "FSA Scot", "520 Dogwood Road", "Statesville, NC 28677", "704-878-6094", and "cfsnfrd@gmail.com". To the right of this is a photo of Dave Henderson, "PE, FSA Scot", "1013 Traders Trail", "Wake Forest, NC 27587", "919-556-6345", and "kiltedsgtmaj@gmail.com". Below the crest is a section for "Taniist" with a photo of Iain M. Henderson, "Younger of Fordell", "Brisbane, Australia". At the bottom left is the logo for the "COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH CLANS AND ASSOCIATIONS, INC.". At the bottom right is the text "Clan Henderson Society, Inc., is a member of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc."

Dance and Scholarship Interests

From: **Beret Dernbach** <beretdernbach@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 5:34 PM

Subject: Thank you Clan Henderson!

To: Mark Henderson <kernal372@gmail.com>

Dear Clan Henderson,

Thank you so much for awarding me such a generous scholarship again this year! We truly appreciate all of the scholarship funds that Clan Henderson has provided me with and are thankful to have folks like you who are so supportive of my dancing career!



I just recently returned from Scotland, where I had been living since January, doing a semester abroad at the University of Edinburgh.

My primary focus whilst there was, of course, my academics. I took some very interesting classes at the University. Parliamentary Studies brought in clerks and politicians from around Scotland for weekly Q&A sessions, and Visualizing Scotland, which discussed representations of Scotland in visual media from ancient artifacts and paintings to photography and film. I chose classes that I couldn't take at my home university for a fuller immersion experience; what made it even cooler was that I could visit both the UK and Scottish Parliaments as well as art galleries and museums to see the things that I was learning about, first-hand.

I also did an internship with UN House Scotland, which is a civil service organization working to implement the ideals and sustainable development goals of the United Nations in Scotland. I worked on several teams within the organization and will be staying on as leader of the Nuclear Disarmament team. I have loved every second of my internship work, and I am excited to continue it now that I am home.



Of course, I have also been keeping up with my dancing! While I was there, I did a total of 11 competitions, championships, and premierships.

My first competition of the year was in February in Newtonhill, near Aberdeen, where I won the 19 and over age group. The first weekend in March I did the SDTA Championships in Paisley, near Glasgow, where I was first runner up in the 18 and under 21 age group. A few weeks later I did the UKA Premiership and Championship in Musselburgh, near Edinburgh. I was 4th runner up in the Premiership and 5th runner up in the Championship in a hugely talented 20 and over age group.

The first weekend in April I was in Montrose, near Dundee, for the European Championships, where I was first runner-up in the 18 and over group. After a weekend off I did a local competition in Aberdeen where I was 1st

runner up in the 17 and over age group. The following weekend I did the Aberdeen Championships, where I was 3rd runner up in the 20 and over age group.

The first weekend in May I did a Coronation-themed competition in Tranent, near Edinburgh, where I won the 17 and over age group with straight firsts and was dancer of the day. I had a particularly busy weekend in the middle of May, when I entered 2 competitions in the North of Scotland. On the Saturday I did a competition in Culloden where I won the 17 and over group with straight firsts, won the special Highland Laddie dance off, and was dancer of the day. On the Sunday I went to my first proper highland games in Scotland – the Gordon Castle Highland Games and Country Fair in Fochabers. I placed 1st runner up in the 18 and over age group and had a great time walking around the games. My final competition was the Lanimer Championships in Lanark during my last weekend in Scotland. I got 6th place in the Fling and a 4th place in the Sword in the 18 and over Championship. I didn't place in the overall line up, but I was glad to have one more day with my dancing friends and say a proper goodbye to everyone before I left the following Tuesday.



I wasn't able to bring any of my trophy's home with me, but I made sure to get pictures with all of them before I returned them to the competition organizers. I have attached these pictures to this email (in the order listed above).

On my free weekends, I spent time travelling around Scotland to do some things I've never done before. I don't always have time during my normal trips to Scotland every August to do longer day trips, so I took advantage of my semester abroad to check some things off my Scotland bucket list. I went to St. Andrews and walked around the golf courses, dipped my toes in Loch Ness, and went to North Berwick to visit the Scottish Seabird Centre and go on a puffin watching catamaran cruise. There are still many more things I wish to do in Scotland, which means that I will have to go back soon!

I will not be going back to Scotland this August because I will be starting law school this fall at Duke University School of Law. I am excited to start this new chapter of my life, even if it means skipping a year of competing at the World Championships. I am hoping to return to Scotland next August for more dancing adventures.

Now that I am home, I am preparing for my major summer competitions. In a few weeks I will be competing at the Scot Dance Canada Championship Series in Halifax, Nova Scotia, an event that I haven't been able to attend since 2018 because of the costs. I will be doing 3 days of competitions, including a special Sailor's Hornpipe Dance off and the Scot Dance Canada Open Championships. A few weeks after I will head to Portland, Oregon for the United States Championships, where I will compete for my 5th United States Championship title and my 4th North American Championship title. But first, the San Diego Scottish Highland Games at the end of June - I hope to see some of you guys there.

Thank you again for all of the support that Clan Henderson has provided me with over the years - we mean it when we say that none of this would be possible without you guys! All of the scholarship funds I receive go towards my dancing lessons to help prepare me for my competitions. This year's scholarship funds from the Clan are going towards my lessons for the months of June, July, and a credit towards August; my teacher has provided an invoice for those months below.

All the best,
Beret



7/26/2023

Hi! Update from Brynn Brown

Brynn was a Southeast Representative at the USIR, The National Championship Competition this past weekend in Portland, Oregon. Brynn placed well in all three days of competitions and also earned Championship judge's points! It was a success all around! We are so proud of her hard work and results! Next year Brynn's goal is to qualify for Nationals to be held in Boston! Please keep her in your prayers !

Warmly,
Michelle Brown

July 10, 2023

Hello!

This is the mom of Brynn Brown and I wanted to say thank you for the scholarship she was awarded! ... Just some updates: Brynn won her first Championship Competition at the Loch Norman Highland Games back in April! She qualified for Nationals at the Savannah Highland Games where she came in third overall!

We just returned from the Ohio Scottish Games and the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games! Brynn placed 5th overall at the Ohio Scottish Games and 4th overall at Grandfather Mountain! She also placed 3 rd. overall on the Sunday and received an award for the dancer with the most aggregate points of all the North and South Carolinian dancers that competed at Grandfather this year! Here are a few of our favorite photos! Thank you for your continued support and for your members who care so much to come find her at the games to cheer her on!

Warmly,
Michelle Brown

Scottish Festival in Panama City Beach Florida

The Scottish Festival in Panama City Beach Florida was a smashing success on March 4, 2023, at Frank Brown Park. Clan Henderson was represented by Phil Embry of PCB and his brother Steve of Suwanee Ga. Steve was of immense help engineering the construction and set up of the Henderson Banner and Maps since I was recovering from rotator cuff surgery two weeks prior...(ugh!). We also had a friend, Steve Preston from Dodge City KS, and Clan Preston, help with the set up.

The weather was fantastic, 70's with a light breeze and sunny; not bad for early March, but that's the Panhandle! We had about 15 Clans represented and close to 4500 guests enjoying the Games, Pipe Bands (3), Dancers and Music (4 groups). We also had animals, highlighted by the Highland Coo and her calf, and a British Car Show with 10 pristine automobiles. The vendors and demonstrations were enjoyable, food and drink were refreshing, and everyone seemed to have a grand time.



The Henderson Tent was a beehive of activity throughout the day, with over 30 families signing our visitors log as they reviewed our resources discovering their Scottish Heritage. We even found a cousin Matt Henderson from Dahlonaga Ga who took information to join as a new member. Brother Steve had developed two maps of Scotland reflecting the locations of castles and major Clans, and one map with individual clan locations per the 1841 Scottish Census. Visitors were very grateful for our assistance in discovering their Clan and the location of their ancestors. Steve also developed QR codes that enabled visitors to find various websites to continue their Scottish journey later.

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Pictures From The Scottish Festival in Panama City Beach Florida



We were exhausted at days end but satisfied that Scotland and Clan Henderson were well represented in Panama City Beach! Aye! Come down next year to the lovely Panhandle and enjoy an early Spring and a dram or two!!

Phil Embry, CHS Convenor
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AYE, WELL DONE!

CHS members Albert “Bert” and Christine Henderson forwarded the exciting news of their daughter, Col. Amy Henderson Bumgarner, being selected for promotion to Brigadier General (pending Senate confirmation) and assuming command of the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

The Office of Special Investigations storied legacy turned the page when it welcomed its new Commander, making history in the process.

Col. Amy S. Bumgarner became the agency’s 20th Commander when she assumed command, as the first female to lead OSI, which observes its 75th Anniversary Aug. 1, 2023.

She admitted she had a range of emotions upon hearing the news, to include being both humbled and excited, while acknowledging that it was still a little surreal.

“I know what a historic moment this is for our command,” said Bumgarner. “I’m excited and honored to serve as the first female commander.”

She accepted the reins of responsibility and leadership for the Department of the Air Force’s federal law enforcement, criminal investigations and counterintelligence enforcement agency from its 19th

commander, Brig. Gen. Terry L. Bullard, during the Change of Command ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, May 16, 2023.

The event was officiated by Lt. Gen. Stephen L. Davis, The Inspector General of the Department of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

“Command at every level is a privilege, and with command, comes responsibility,” Davis said.

“While there are a number of important things we do across the Department of the Air Force, there are



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few commands that have the importance and responsibility entrusted to the OSI commander.” Bumgarner admitted when she cross-trained into OSI she never imagined that someday she would be a trail blazer as its commander.



“This is a big deal on so many different levels and much larger than me,” she said. “I’m honored and humbled that the Air Force has selected me for this opportunity and I will work hard for all of our people – past, present, and future – to demonstrate that anything is possible. I will continue to focus on the basic concepts that got me to this point: hard work and taking care of people.”

During her time with OSI, Bumgarner has commanded the OSI Center, Region 8, the Special Investigations Academy, two detachments, deployed twice to Afghanistan, and in 2003 was the first-ever OSI Advisor to the 34th Training Wing where she was a key member of the Academy Response Team, working with victims of sexual assault at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Prior to assuming command of OSI, she has served as OSI Vice Commander since July 2021.

Bumgarner credits the members of OSI for this historic accomplishment.

"If you take care of your people they will take care of the mission. Every time. Without fail. This historic moment, me being up here as number 20, the first female commander for OSI in 75 years is because of you," she told the ceremony attendees and those viewing the event online. "You made this happen. Whether we have worked together or not, you got me here. Together, anything is possible."

1. Wayne Amann, OSI Public Affairs (May 18, 2023)

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Welcome 23 New

Clan Henderson Society Members

Suzanne Henderson Emerson, Vice President of Members Announces the new Members for this issue of An Canach.

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Roger Warner Sherwood, Robins, GA

Mid-South Region

Jessica Hudson, Cleveland, AL

Central Region

Calvin Henderson, Williston, ND

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Far-South Region

Mary Frances Henderson, McKinney, TX

North-East Region

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North Pacific Region

Burt Arthur, Spanaway, WA

Thomas Henderson, Helena MT

James Beaman, Longview, WA

South-East Region

Covington Henderson, Faith, GA

Jennifer Bennett, Raleigh, NC

Billy Henderson, Wilmington, NC

Trenton Ganey, Wilmington, NC

Chris McKinley, Leland, NC

Alex Henderson, Lenoir, NC

Kimberly Henderson, Rutherfordton, NC

Mathew Ryan Henderson, Nebo, NC

Sally Combs, Atlanta, GA

Dana Parrish, Asheville, NC

Julia Whitney, Swannanoa, NC

William Nickles, Cory, Greenwood, SC

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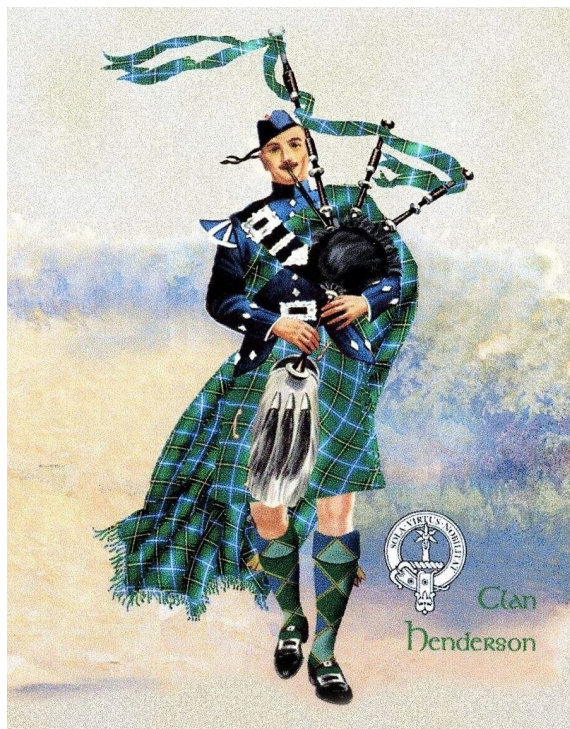
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Brandi Ware, TX
Barbara Levine, MI
Bryan Henderson, ME
William A. Henderson, MA
Susan Henderson Mason, NC
Donna Henderson Mac Millan, SC
Lawrence Henderson, CA
William Henderson, AZ

15 YEAR PINS

Patricia Ann Carpenter, Eddy, KS
Judy Henderson, White, AZ

25 YEAR PINS

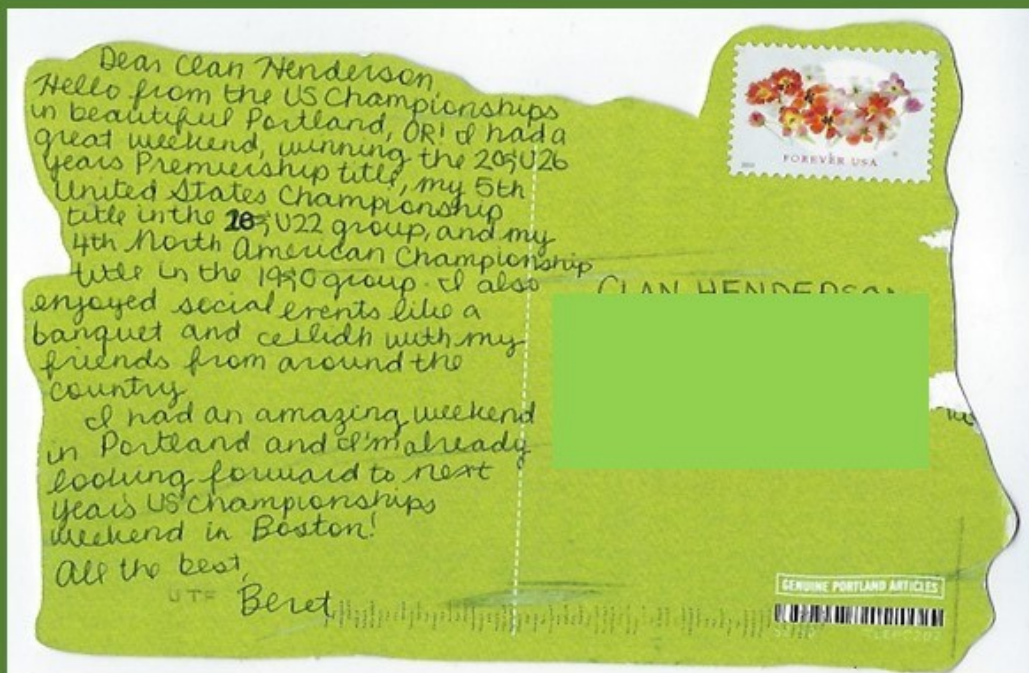
Benny J. McDaniel, AL
Deanne Henderson, Bousman, NC
Dorothy Henderson Wise, GA
Myron Rex Henderson, AZ



Congratulations, Beret Dernbach

US National Champion, 20&U26 Premier.

Beret is a CHS Scholarship awardee
and this is her 5th US Championship



Greetings from the North Pacific!

Montana:

In April, we found out about a small but dedicated group of folks in Helena, MT organizing a Games and Gathering for 2023. **Bruce Henderson** and I attended a meeting and volunteered to help out any way we could. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of this group of (mostly) athletes, we pulled off the first Helena Highlanders Games and Gathering on July 15, 2023. With short notice there were over 30 athletes competing and 11 Clans! There were *vendors*, and *food trucks* and even a beer tent, a *mead tasting* and best of all, *bagpipes*! The Black Devils First Special Services Force pipe band was there in force and led the Parade of Clans. Even on a hot July day, the people of the Helena Valley came out in force to see just what all this telephone pole tossing was all about. They shopped the vendors and best of all, visited the Clan tents to find out more about the Scottish and Celtic influences in our lives. CHS gained a new member from this initial contact! As you can see, Bruce Henderson was telling stories (may or may not have been factual) to some interested folks.



Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering

Bruce and Joyce Henderson look forward to convening at the Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering in Hamilton, MT on August 19-20 (after the deadline for this issue of An Canach) and anticipate another great time with great crowds with lots of interest in learning about their Scottish heritage.

Washington and Oregon:

Also in the North Pacific, **Ellen Bentley** convened at the Prosser (WA) Scottish Fest, Tacoma Highland Games and assisted Art and Pat Henderson in Portland, OR.

Rick Henderson served us well convening in Spokane, WA. Rick has been a convenor for many years and his dedication and service to Clan Henderson is greatly appreciated. Rick reported another successful Games in Spokane this year, and he even had a special visitor! **Audrey Trawick** stopped by to say “hello”! Audrey is CHS Youth Director Worldwide, and past recipient of CHS scholarships as well as Order of the Chief in 2023.



Art and Pat Henderson, assisted by **Ellen Bentley**, convened in Portland OR on a sunny and cloudless July 15. After a 2-year hiatus due to Covid, the resurrected games were different but nonetheless successful. Attendance exceeded expectations, and the food vendors were out of goods by mid-afternoon! There were no heavy athletics this year, but the crowds enjoyed the pipe bands, dancers, Clan tents and exhibits. Janice Henderson who convened for CHS at Portland in the 1990's was a special guest in the CHS tent.



People stopping by the CHS tent were especially interested in the large map of Scotland and finding where their Clan may be located. Also displayed was a 10ftx10ft picture of Fordell Castle. What fun to have your picture taken in front of a real castle!

Games and Convenors in the Southeast Region

Sept. 30 North Georgia Highland Games, Clayton, Ga Alan Henderson

Oct. 6-8 Scotland Co. Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC Kyle Henderson

Oct. 20-22 Stone Mtn. Highland Games, Stone Mtn. Ga, Harry Kiefer

Oct, 21 Crystal Coast Highland Games, Beaufort, SC Bill Henderson

Nov. 3-4 Charleston Scottish Festival, Charleston, SC Mary Lane Henderson and Tom Henderson



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